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SUBJECT: GSP: TPSC REVIEW OF PRODUCTS FOR ADDITION

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1. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM GOP AS PER REFTEL.
DATA NOT YET RECEIVED.

2. FYI ONLY. EMBASSY WISHES COMMENT PARA 2C REFTEL REGARDING
FOREIGN INVESTMENT INVOLVED IN TUNGSTEN ORE PRODUCTION. UNION
CARBIDE (UC) - PROTECT FIRM - CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH GOP
TO FURTHER EXPLORE AND THEN TO EXPLOIT LARGE TUNGSTEN DEPOSITS
IN NORTHWEST PORTUGAL. UC HAS HAD CONCESSION TO EXPLORE
FOR THREE YEARS AND HAS JUST REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT
WITH GOP TO BEGIN EXPLORATION ON CONTIGUOUS TRACT WHICH
BELONGS TO GOP. STEPPED-UP EXPLORATION EFFORTS WILL BEGIN
IN EARLY 1977 AND CONSTRUCTION OF MINE COULD BEGIN IN EARLY
1978. INVESTMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$10 MILLION CURRENTLY
CONTEMPLATED. AT THIS TIME ONLY ORE MINING IS BEING
CONSIDERED. PROJECT OF THIS SIZE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT
INCREASE IN PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS, AND CONSIDERABLE STIMU-
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LUS TO MINING SECTOR AND LESSER DEVELOPED NORTHWEST
PORTUGAL. PROJECT HAS HIGH PRIORITY WITH GOP. THUS, GSP
STATUS FOR TUNGSTEN ORE MAY BENEFIT U.S. FIRM. END FYI.

3. IN 1975 6 MINES PRODUCED 2265 TONS (VALUED AT \$15
MILLION) OF WOLFRAM (74 PERCENT WO3). FOUR MINES PRODUCED

123 TONS (VALUED AT \$640,000) OF SCHEELITE (70.9 PERCENT WO3). TOTAL 1974 PRODUCTION WAS 2488 TONS VALUED AT \$9 MILLION.

4. DURING 1975 2,248 TONS OF WOLFRAMITE ORE WAS EXPORTED, VALUED AT \$13 MILLION. OF THIS APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT EXPORTED TO UK, 20 PERCENT EACH TO HOLLAND AND FRG AND 6 PERCENT TO U.S. EXPORTS IN 1974 WERE 3,328 TONS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$18 MILLION, 40 PERCENT TO U.S., 20 PERCENT TO UK, 15 PERCENT TO JAPAN AND 12 PERCENT TO HOLLAND.
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